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SUBJECT: EC VOCATIONAL CENTER

REF: A) USBER 585; B) STATE 62079

SUMMARY: TEXTS OF ALLIED DOCUMENT TO BE ISSUED IN CONNECTION WITH ESTABLISHMENT EC VOCATIONAL CENTER (EC VC) IN BERLIN WERE DISCUSSED TRIPARTITELY MARCH 26. BRITISH PROPOSED COMPROMISE WHICH FRENCH ARE RECOMMENDING TO PARIS. EMBASSY ALSO RECOMMENDS AGREEMENT. END SUMMARY.

1. UK REP (CULLIMORE) REPORTED INSTRUCTIONS STRONGLY FAVORING BK/O, AND SAID HE WOULD BE HAPPY TO RECOMMEND TO FCO TEXT DEVELOPED BY BERLIN MISSIONS (REFTEL A). CULLIMORE SAID BK/O FAVORED BY LONDON SO AS TO HAVE DOCUMENT AVAILABLE WHICH COULD FIGURE IN RESPONSE TO ANY SOVIET COMMUNICATION ON EC VC WHICH IMPLIED THAT ALLIES HAD NOT MET THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES IN MATTER.

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2. FRENCH REP (BOISSIEU) SAID HIS INSTRUCTIONS CALLED

FOR BK/L ONLY WHICH WOULD CONTAIN SOME KIND OF APPROVING LANGUAGE. SUCH DOCUMENT REQUIRED BECAUSE FRENCH CONSIDER EC REGULATION ON EC VC AS "NOT NORMAL," I.E., THE REGULATION WAS ISSUED UNDER TREATY OF ROME ART. 235 "WHICH PERMITS ANYTHING" AND PREAMBLE OF EC VC REGULATION SAYS THE TREATY HAS NOT PROVIDED THE SPECIFIC POWERS NECESSARY FOR SETTING UP SUCH A CENTER. PARIS STRONGLY BELIEVES APPROVING LANGUAGE NECESSARY AS A POLITICAL HANDLE VIS A VIS WSB, FRG AND EC SINCE IMPLICATION OF SUCH LANGUAGE WOULD BE THAT ALLIES MUST SPECIFICALLY AGREE TO SUCH ACTIONS WHILE WEARING THEIR BERLIN HATS. US REP REPORTED INSTRUCTIONS REFTEL B AND LONG DISCUSSION ENSUED.

3. IN EFFORT TO FIND COMPROMISE SOLUTION, UK REP PROPOSED ISSUANCE BOTH BK/O AND BK/L, WITH BK/O VIRTUALLY THAT CONTAINED REFTEL A (PHRASE IN PENULTIMATE SENTENCE "AND TO THE PUBLICATION OF THE ABOVE-CITED REGULATION IN THE GESETZUNDVERORDNUNGSBLATT FUER BERLIN" WOULD BE DROPPED). BK/L WOULD GO FURTHER AND INDICATE AGREEMENT BUT WOULD BE ISSUED UNDER PRETEXT OF INFORMING SENAT IT MAY PROCEED WITH PUBLICATION OF EC REGULATION. FRENCH REP IMMEDIATELY AGREED TO RECOMMEND THIS SOLUTION TO PARIS. US REP SAID THAT, BASED ON HIS INSTRUCTIONS, HE MUST RESERVE BUT WOULD REPORT UK AND FRENCH POSITION THAT COMPROMISE SOLUTION A GOOD ONE WHICH THEY ARE RECOMMENDING TO THEIR AUTHORITIES.

4. TEXT BK/L:

IN BK/O (75) BLANK THE AK CONFIRMED ITS AGREEMENT TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE EC VC IN THE WSB SUBJECT TO THE MAINTENANCE OF ALLIED RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES. THE SENAT MAY, THEREFORE, ARRANGE FOR PUBLICATION OF THE RELEVANT EC REGULATION IN THE GVB FOR BERLIN. END TEXT.

5. COMMENT AND ACTION REQUESTED: GIVEN STRONG DIFFERING VIEWS OF ALLIES ON THIS ISSUE, IT IS APPARENT THAT SOME COMPROMISING WILL BE REQUIRED IN ORDER TO REACH AGREEMENT. WE BELIEVE POSSIBLE SOLUTION OUTLINED ABOVE AVOIDS SPECIFIC PROBLEMS STATED BY DEPARTMENT IN REFTEL B AND CONFIDENTIAL

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RECOMMEND THE DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZE EMBASSY TO AGREE.
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